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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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FOR DOUGLAS HARWOOD SAD/OIM/BIC AND PETER HALE CAGNE/OIM/
BIC
BEIRUT FOR RTDO

EO 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, SY
SUBJECT: DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR

REF: A. TELCON KIRCHSCHLAGER/HARWOOD/MURRIN JUNE 26;
B. USDOC 09556; C. DAMASCUS 2123

1. CONSEQUENT TO REF A, ADVISING THAT NEW FISCAL PLAN
BEING PREPARED DUSEX WILL DELAY DIB 445 STATUS OF APPROVED
BUDGET UNTIL REVISED FIGURES AVAILABLE.

2. FOCO SHIPMENT ABOARD MOTORVESSEL FEIDRA A CONTAINER
CARRIER WITH SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TRIESTE JUNE 30. ETA
BEIRUT JULY 4 OR 5 WITH GUARANTEED DISCHARGE FROM SHIP
WITHIN 48 HOURS. MAINTAINING CONTINUAL CLOSE CONTACT WITH
AMERICAN EXPORT LINE AGENTS IN BEIRUT TO EXPEDITE PORT AND
CUSTOMS FORMALITIES AT LEBANON - SYRIA BORDER. AS REPORTED
IN REF A, ROAD COMMUNICATIONS TO BEIRUT WERE INTERRUPTED
YESTERDAY AND AMEMBASSY BEIRUT ADVISED THAT NONE OF
RTDO STAFF COULD REACH HIS OFFICE TODAY. TIMING IS NOW
UNCOMFORTABLY CLOSE ON CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE.

3. INFORMATION ON JOHNS MANVILLE PARTICIPATION RECEIVED
FROM THE RAGENT IN BEIRUT ADVISING THEIR DENVER OFFICE
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WOULD SEND CHECK AND P.A. TO USDOC.

4. REQUEST INFORMATION ON PARTICIPATION OF BALLAGH AND THRALL MENTIONED IN REF B, PARA 4.

5. YACoubIAN CONSTRUCTION PROPOSALS INCLUDING EXTERNAL WORK, KIOSKS AND USIS SUMMARIZED IN SCHEDULE FORM AND SUBMITTED FOR HIS FINAL CONFIRMATION TODAY AT LUMP FIGURE OF \$35,000. IF ACCEPTED WILL SUBMIT LETTER OF INTENT FOLLOWED BY FORMAL CONTRACT ASSUMING THIS NOT IN VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS IN VIEW OF MONEY INVOLVED AND FAILURE TO OBTAIN COMPETITIVE BIDS WHICH WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.

6. REQUEST HOSPITALITY FUNDS BE AUTHORIZED AS LONG DELIVERY LEAD TIME HAS NECESSITATED ORDERING BEVERAGES FROM BEIRUT AND CONFIRMATION OF CATERING CONTRACT FOR AMERICA DAY.

7. REF C, PARA 3, REQUEST CABLED ADVICE IF FOCO CHIEF OF PARTY EMPOWERED TO QUOTE ON WORK ORDERS AND FINAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SETTLEMENT.
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